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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE TO FRANCE

1. ON HIS FIRST TRIP OUTSIDE OF AFRICA SINCE ASSUMING
POWER YEAR AGO, PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE ZDPARTEWNIAMEY
JUNE 26 FOR SEVERAL DAYUQMIB INFORMAL OFFICIAL UNQUOTE
VISIT TO FRANCE. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY FONMIN DJERMAKOYE
AND PRESIDENCY CABINET DIRECTOR IDE OUMAROU.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, KOUNTCHE'S SCHEDULE INCLUDES
MEETING WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT AND MINISTERS OF DEFENSE,
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FINANCE AND COOPERATION. TRIP DEXNRIBED
AS QUOTE MISSION DE TRAVAIL UNQUOTE DURING WHICH
QUESTION OF DEVELOPMENT OF NIGER'S MINERAL RESOURCES
INCLUDING URANIUM AND PHOSPHATE EXPECTED TO COME UP.

3. COMMENT: PRESS HAS MADE MUCH OF FACT THAT KOUNTCHE
HAS CHOSEN FRANCE FOR HIS FIRST OFFICIAL TRIP OUTSIDE
AFRICAN CONTINENT AND VISIT HAS PROMPTED SPATE OF
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ARTICLES ON FRANCO-NIGERIEN RELATIONS EMPHASIZING

THEIR GENERALLY SATISFACTORY NATURE.
WE BELIEVE THIS TO BE ACCURATE ASSESSMENT. AFTER
VARIOUS STRESSES AND STRAINS IN RELATIONS WHICH MANIFESTED THEMSELVE
IN AFTERMATH OF 1974 COUP AND LED TO DEMAND THAT
FRANCE WITHDRAW MILITARY UNIT STATIONED IN NIGER, KOUNTCHE
EVENTUALLY SATISFIED HIMSELF THAT FRENCH WERE NOT BENT ON
UPSETTING NEW REGIME. SINCE THEN THINGSHE SETTLED DOWN
TO SMOOTHER AND MORE FRIENDLY COURSE. FRENCH TECHNICAL
AND SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE THIS YEAR HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL,
FRANCE ACCEPTED VIRTUALLY ALL OF GON'S DEMANDS IN URANIUM
NEGOTIATIONS AND GOF'S PRESENT TACTIC OF EMPHASIZING DEALOGUE
AND PARTNERSHIP IN ITS RELATIONS WITH FORMER COLONIES HAVE
MADE FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON GON. FOR HIS PART, KOUNTCHE
HAS NEVER DENIED HIS CLOSE ATTACHMENT TO FRANCE. BOTH HE
AND FRENCH CAN LOOK WITH SONHUSTISFACTION ON PRESENT
DIRECTION OF FRANCO-NIGERI RELATIONS.HECK

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